

# The Timeline

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## 2009 KJHS Convention Just Around the Corner

The 47th Annual KJHS Convention is less than two months away! Students from around the state will gather in Frankfort March 26 through 28, 2009 to participate in all things Kentucky history. The Kentucky Historical Society will host a variety of activities and tours in addition to the KJHS project competition and quick-recall tournament, Kentucky History Bowl.

For those who plan to attend, early projects and project registrations are due in the state office no later than February 27. Please be sure to get in touch with your sponsor or our office as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

## Become a Student Leader!



The KJHS will experience some changes over the next year. There are many reasons for these adjustments, but a large factor is the decline in regional diversity that the program has experienced over the last several years. In order to expand the scope of our services with the resources available, certain facets of the program will be modified. A major change that will impact this year's convention involves the KJHS board. Members will be selected rather than elected to better represent students across the entire state. A selection process will ensure that individual members, students from smaller clubs, and students who cannot make it to convention have a chance to serve on the board.

Those selected will form the KJHS Student Leadership Committee (formerly the KJHS Executive Committee), an advisory board to the state office. Committee members will be responsible for completing a local history project in their community during their year of service. They will also participate in and promote state sponsored events.

If you will be in grade eight or higher beginning next school year, have an avid interest in Kentucky history, and would like to develop valuable leadership skills, contact your sponsor or the state office for committee guidelines and an application form.

## Kentucky Wild Horse to Perform

Kentucky Wild Horse will be featured during the Friday night session of the KJHS Convention, March 27. Specializing in music from the nineteenth-century to the present, the band derives its sound from Kentucky sources, particularly fiddle and banjo traditions passed down from earlier generations. They play and sing old-time bluegrass and swing music, and

are well-versed in the history behind these styles. The band is excited to perform for and share Kentucky traditions with those in attendance at the KJHS convention.

Be sure to wear your dancing shoes!



## Regional Rallies Revisited



### Hodgenville

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Nearly 200 members and sponsors gathered for the October rallies in Hodgenville. At the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, groups were able to enjoy activities and demonstrations that offered practical insight about Kentucky life in the time period during which Lincoln was a child. A tour of the Memorial Building got students thinking about the ways we commemorate important figures and how construction choices, such as the number of steps leading up to a building or the type of marble used, can be highly symbolic. At the Lincoln Museum, students learned about the sixteenth president's experiences after leaving Kentucky, the pivotal role he played in the history of our nation, and the connections to his native state that he maintained throughout his lifetime.

Tebb's Bend Historians catered a delicious lunch, after which Jim Sayre treated rally goers to a compelling Chautauqua performance as Abraham Lincoln. Those who headed out to Knob Creek afterwards explored the site of the childhood home that Lincoln remembered fondly as an adult.

### Paducah

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Though rain was on the horizon all morning, it held off long enough for attendees to enjoy an outdoor presentation by Bill Black, Jr., a local restoration contractor and KJHS board member. Black talked about artist Robert Dafford's murals on the Paducah floodwalls and some of the preservation work that was done to revitalize buildings in the city's downtown region. Students and sponsors also learned more about the impact of the river on Paducah's history at the River Heritage Museum, which is located in the oldest extant antebellum building downtown. Awe-inspiring works at the Museum of the American Quilter's Society rounded out the tours for the day.

As luck would have it, the rain let loose as the group was about to break for lunch in the park. Fortunately, a nearby farmer's market stand offered enough shelter for everyone to mix and mingle over pizza and Ale-8.

Because of US Bank's continued support of KJHS, we were able to make the rally free to new clubs in the western part of the state. As a result, eight new homeschool groups were introduced to the program!

### Ashland

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Students engaged in a hands-on exploration of Appalachian history and culture at the Highlands Museum and Discovery Center. Middle and high school students also toured the Jesse Stuart Foundation, where Jesse (the resident feline named for the author) specially greeted them. They saw some early editions of Stuart's work and learned more about what is being done to preserve and promote his writing.

After lunch in Ashland's Central Park, the group made its way to the Paramount Arts Center, an Art Deco theatre built in 1931 that was designed to showcase Paramount motion pictures. The building has undergone multiple restoration projects since the 1970s to help bring it back to its original splendor and transform it into a thriving performing arts venue. From the murals to the opulent fixtures, the building is a work of art in its own right. In addition to learning about the history of the theatre, students and sponsors toured backstage and tried to spot signatures of famous performing artists on the wall. Students also hoped to catch a glimpse of legendary Paramount Joe, the resident ghost who, in life, met his tragic end in the theatre's rafters.

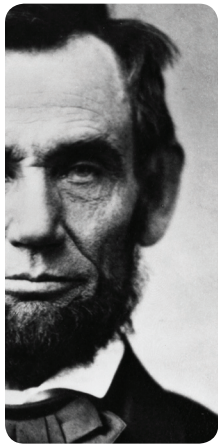
### District 2 meeting

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District 2 representative Jack Gupton hosted a meeting in Greensburg on October 25 for clubs in his region. Among the attendees were delegates from Green County High, Tebb's Bend Historians, Taylor County High, and the state office. Students and sponsors were able to address a variety of issues relating to KJHS. Afterwards, Green County High members took participants on a walking tour of historic Greensburg.

Be sure to stay in contact with your representative throughout the year for information on upcoming events!

## Goings-On about Abe



### Celebrate the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial!

February 12, 2009, marks the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. To commemorate this occasion, members of the state board will be kicking off the first ever "KJHS Week" in their respective schools February 9 through 13. Do the same in your own school! Organize activities—large or small—to honor the Lincoln Bicentennial. Hold a Lincoln look-alike contest, organize a special chapter meeting on February 12, or read the Gettysburg Address.

Be sure to logon to the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Web site at [kylincoln.org](http://kylincoln.org) for educational resources to help facilitate your commemoration.

### Abraham Lincoln Essay Contest Update

Essays are in and the evaluators are judging. Check the KJHS Web site at [kjhs.ky.gov](http://kjhs.ky.gov) on February 12 to see a list of winners!

### Family Adventure Quest

Are you winded and disoriented after only a few hours of Mario Kart? Do you lose sleep trying to come up with a new topic to blog about? Are you unable to perform basic tasks because your thumbs are sore from text messaging marathons? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be suffering from a severe case of "textingfacebookwiiitis." Recommended treatment: The 2009 Family Adventure Quest.

Pack your KJHS membership card, grab your family and a digital camera, and head to a Kentucky State Park for a little fresh air and learning. Sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Parks, in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, the 2009 Family Adventure Quest is a digital photo/trivia scavenger hunt that focuses on Lincoln's ties to Kentucky Parks. Registration is only \$15 for a group of two to six people. Complete all twenty-five quests to receive an \$85 gift certificate to Kentucky State Parks. Complete twenty for \$50!

For more information or to register, check out their Web site or pick up a brochure/registration form from any Kentucky State Park.

The scavenger hunt can be completed at your own pace throughout the year, so whenever you feel a return attack of "textingfacebookwiiitis," you can alleviate symptoms with a little Kentucky history.

## Awards Season

Nominate a dedicated member or sponsor for a KJHS Award! Categories include Sponsor of the Year, KJHS Achievement, Outstanding KJHS Member, Outstanding Board Member, Chapter of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Sponsor of the Year, and Membership. For a nomination form, contact your sponsor or Laura Hiniker at [laura.hiniker@ky.gov](mailto:laura.hiniker@ky.gov) or 502-564-1792, ext. 4402. Forms will also be available online at [kjhs.ky.gov](http://kjhs.ky.gov).



## NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

### How to Contact the State Office:

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## Dates & Deadlines

### February 27, 2009

KJHS award nominations due  
Convention forms due  
Project registrations due  
Early projects due

### March 26-28, 2009

47th Annual KJHS Convention

## KJHS Executive Committee

### President

Nash Gumm  
Green County High School

### Vice President

Ariel Young  
Metcalf County High School

### Parliamentarian

Lance Allen  
Green County High School

### Secretary

Derek Williams  
Carroll County High School

### Historian

Carrie Wolfe  
Green County High School

### Reporter

Daniel Beams  
Taylor County High School

### Membership Director

Ashley Skaggs  
Metcalf County High School

### Junior Representative

Mary Tress Eastham  
Tebb's Bend Historians

### District 1 Representative

Jordan Piper  
Metcalf County High School

### District 2 Representative

Jack Gupton  
Green County Middle School

### District 4 Representative

Hannah Bradford  
East Carter Middle School

### District 5 Representative

Colby Kirk  
Sheldon Clark High School

### District 6 Representative

Ashley Edwards  
Western Hills High School





## TRIVIA: ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S KENTUCKY CONNECTIONS

Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with the most logical answer.

1. Lincoln was born on \_\_\_\_\_, 1809 at the Sinking Spring Farm in \_\_\_\_\_, Kentucky.
2. When he was two years old, Lincoln's family moved to the \_\_\_\_\_ Farm not far from his original home.
3. Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd, was a member of a prominent family from \_\_\_\_\_, Kentucky.
4. Lincoln looked up to \_\_\_\_\_, a well-known Kentucky political figure.

### Tough Ones!

5. \_\_\_\_\_ saved Lincoln from drowning when he was a boy.
6. Lincoln courted Green County resident \_\_\_\_\_, but their relationship did not end in marriage.

Answers: 1. February 12; Hodgenville 2. Knob Creek 3. Lexington 4. Henry Clay 5. Austin Gollaher 6. Mary Owens

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